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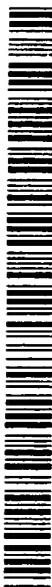
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 03860	International filing date (day/month/year) 06/10/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 06/10/1999
Applicant MEDICAL BIOSYSTEMS LT		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

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None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 95 06138 A (UNIV CALIFORNIA) 2 March 1995 (1995-03-02) page 10, last paragraph -page 14; figures ---	1,2,4,5
X	HA TAEKJIP ET AL: "Single-molecule fluorescence spectroscopy of enzyme conformational dynamics and cleavage mechanism." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES, vol. 96, no. 3, 2 February 1999 (1999-02-02), pages 893-898, XP002171247 Feb. 2, 1999 ISSN: 0027-8424 the whole document ---	18,20,21 -/-

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A	FUREY W SCOTT ET AL: "Use of fluorescence resonance energy transfer to investigate the conformation of DNA substrates bound to the Klenow fragment." BIOCHEMISTRY, vol. 37, no. 9, 3 March 1998 (1998-03-03), pages 2979-2990, XP002171248 ISSN: 0006-2960 the whole document ----	1-21
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E	WO 00 60114 A (DENSHAM DANIEL HENRY ;MEDICAL BIOSYSTEMS LTD (GB)) 12 October 2000 (2000-10-12) the whole document -----	1,3-5

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WO 9905315	A	04-02-1999	AU	8455998 A	16-02-1999
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WO 9013666	A	15-11-1990	CA	2045505 A	12-11-1990
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C12Q1/68		
Applicant MEDICAL BIOSYSTEMS LTD. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/GB00/03860

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

1-13 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-21 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

Sequence listing part of the description, pages:

12, as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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the description, pages:

the claims, Nos.:

the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 3,6-17,19
 No: Claims 1,2,4,5,18,20,21

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 6-9,17
 No: Claims 3,10-16,19

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-21
 No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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Section V

The following documents mentioned in the International Search Report are considered as being the most relevant prior art:

D1: WO 95 06138 A (UNIV CALIFORNIA) 2 March 1995 (1995-03-02)

D2: WO 99 05315 A (DENSHAM DANIEL HENRY ;MEDICAL BIOSYSTEMS LTD (GB)) 4 February 1999 (1999-02-04)

D3: HA TAEKJIP ET AL: 'Single-molecule fluorescence spectroscopy of enzyme conformational dynamics and cleavage mechanism.' PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES, vol. 96, no. 3, 2 February 1999 (1999-02-02), pages 893-898, XP002171247 Feb. 2, 1999 ISSN: 0027-8424

1. The measurement of polymerase confirmation to determine a polynucleotide sequence is known in the art. D1 discloses a micromechanical detector for use in DNA sequence determination, by measuring the movement of the polymerase during polymerisation (see pages 10-14 and figures). D2 refers to a sequencing method with an immobilised polymerase, wherein the incorporation of nucleotides is detected by surface plasmon resonance (see claims, pages 14-15 and figures).

The disclosure in D1 and D2 anticipates the subject-matter of claims 1,2,4 and 5. These claims are not novel and do not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.

2. The detection of conformational changes of enzymes, by using intramolecular FRET, is known. D3 describes the detection of nuclease activity with single-molecule fluorescence spectroscopy. The enzyme is immobilised and labelled with fluorescence donor and acceptor. A second molecule may also be attached to the DNA-substrate. Enzyme activity is monitored by FRET (see abstract, materials and methods).

The teaching in D3 is considered to anticipate the subject-matter of claims 18,20 and 21, which accordingly are not considered to be novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

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3. The subject-matter of claims 3,10-16 and 19 is not considered to be based on an inventive concept per se and does not meet the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.
4. D1 or D2 are considered as being the closest state of the art for the method of claim 6, which is distinguished therefrom by a different detection method. The problem to be solved may therefore be considered the provision of an alternative method for measuring the incorporation of nucleotides onto a template, thereby determining the sequence of the template.

When turning to D3, relating to FRET measurements taken from complementary DNA strands, wherein each strand is labelled with either a donor or acceptor fluorophore, the skilled person would not arrive in an obvious way at the solution as disclosed in claim 6, i.e. using an enzyme comprising a label which alters its characteristics as the enzyme undergoes a conformational change. Moreover, this solution, in contrast to the methods of D1 and D2, allows to determine the sequence of a polynucleotide without the need to incorporate complementary nucleotides.

Accordingly, the method of claim 6 is based on an inventive concept and meets the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT. The same applies to the subject-matter of claims 7-9 and 17.

Section VI

Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No Patent No	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO-A-00/53805	14.09.2000	10.03.2000	10.03.1999
WO-A-00/60114	12.10.2000	06.04.2000	06.04.1999

Should the priority of the present application not be valid, the first document would be relevant with respect to novelty and inventive step (Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT). Furthermore, should the present application be entered into the regional phase, both documents could be relevant to the question of novelty.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P50-0036 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US 00/ 29945	International filing date (day/month/year) 30/10/2000
Applicant MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A.	

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2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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- None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A system for monitoring earthmover vehicle tires, (12) comprising at least one sensor unit (20) mountable within the pressurizable interior of a tire, the sensor unit including a pressure sensor and a temperature sensor, an integrated circuit including memory to collect and store data and to store at least pressure and temperature reference data, a radio frequency interface to transmit received data externally, a magnetic interface for receiving activation, input and deactivation signals, a power circuit, and a microprocessor circuit having a timer for activating pressure and temperature data collection at fixed intervals; a reader (30) mountable on the vehicle remote from the tire, the reader having a receiver for receiving data transmitted from the at least one sensor unit, a memory for storing data received from the at least one sensor unit, and a radio frequency transmitter for transmitting data remote to the vehicle responsive to an external signal; and a portable communication unit (50) comprising a means for communicating with the sensor unit and the reader, a memory for storing data received from the sensor unit and the reader, and a display for displaying received data in visual format.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 B60C23/04

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 B60C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 1 026 015 A (SCHRADER BRIDGEPORT INTERNATIO) 9 August 2000 (2000-08-09) column 2, line 25 -column 4, line 8; figure 1 -----	1

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